Population Growth of Delhi

1399. SHRI SURESH KALMADI :
SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM :

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken various measures to arrest the population growth of Delhi; and

(b) if so, what are the details of such measures ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.K. THUNGON) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government have constituted NCR Planning Board for evolving plans and programmes for :

(i) decongesting and reducing population pressure of Delhi, and

(ii) achieving a balanced and harmonised development in the National Capital Region.

The Plans and programmes for decongesting Delhi include:

—development of new townships

—shifting of Government and Public Sector offices

—shifting of industries

—restrictions on setting up of large and medium scale industries.

—restrictions on establishment of new industrial estates.

—enhancement of rates of Sales-Tax to encourage dispersal of trade and business establishments.

Violation of Master Plan

1400. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER :
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA :

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in Indian Express dated 5th April, 1993 regarding violation of Master Plan by the Ministry of Urban Development itself; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.K. THUNGON) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The news item is misconceived and is not based on true position of law and facts. The Government had verified all the facts/legal position before issuing directions to the DDA under Section 41(3) of DDA Act, 1957.

Reconstruction of Damaged Houses/ Dwellings in Karnataka

1401. SHRI B.K. HARI PRASAD : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Karnataka has submitted a project proposal to the Central Government for reconstruction of more than 56,000 houses/dwellings damaged in last year's flash floods, seeking financial aid from HUDCO and if so, the action taken thereon; and